

**In the Claims:**

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing execution of operations performed on media data by selected ones of a plurality of media servers of a network, the process comprising the steps of:

a1 at a node of the network, receiving information input by the user specifying a selected one of the media servers for scheduling operations to be performed, wherein said node resides in a first time zone and said selected media server resides in a second time zone, and wherein there is a time difference between said first and second time zones;

at said node, displaying graphical information indicative of a current local time at said selected media server.

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a2 9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 2 wherein the network further includes at least one multimedia device operative to generate media data, each of the multimedia devices being communicatively coupled with a corresponding [encoder] specified one of the media servers which is further operative to selectively activate the corresponding multimedia device, and further operative to encode a selected portion of media data generated by the multimedia device, and wherein the operations include encoding operations, and wherein said information input by the user includes encoding operation information indicative of a selected server and a corresponding selected multimedia device, and wherein said commands and associated parameters include an encoding command and associated encoding parameters for instructing said selected server to encode media data received from said selected media device.

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a3 19. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage device having stored therein encoding instructions for executing a process of managing execution of operations performed on media data by selected ones of a plurality of media servers of a network, the process comprising the steps of:

at a node of the network, receiving information input by the user specifying a selected one of the media servers for scheduling operations to be performed, wherein said node resides in a first time zone and said selected media server resides in a second time zone, and wherein there is a time difference between said first and second time zones;

23. at said node, displaying graphical information indicative of a current local time at said selected media server.

24. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage device as recited in claim 20 wherein the network further includes at least one multimedia device operative to generate media data, each of the multimedia devices being communicatively coupled with a corresponding [encoder] specified one of the media servers which is further operative to selectively activate the corresponding multimedia device, and further operative to encode a selected portion of media data generated by the multimedia device, and wherein the operations include encoding operations, and wherein said information input by the user includes encoding operation information indicative of a selected server and a corresponding selected multimedia device, and wherein said commands and associated parameters include an encoding command and associated encoding parameters for instructing said selected server to encode media data received from said selected media device.

25. (Currently Amended) A server operative to provide an applet to a client via a network, the applet including encoding instructions for executing a process of managing execution of operations performed on media data by selected ones of a plurality of media servers of a network, the process comprising the steps of:

at the client, receiving information input by the user specifying a selected one of the media servers for scheduling operations to be performed, wherein said client resides in a first time zone and said selected media server resides in a second time zone, and wherein there is a time difference between said first and second time zones;

at the client, displaying graphical information indicative of a current local time at said selected media server.

26. (Currently Amended) A server as recited in claim 38 wherein the network further includes at least one multimedia device operative to generate media data, each of the multimedia devices being communicatively coupled with a corresponding [encoder] specified one of the media servers which is further operative to selectively activate the corresponding multimedia device, and further operative to encode a selected portion of media data generated by the

multimedia device, and wherein the operations include encoding operations, and wherein said information input by the user includes encoding operation information indicative of a selected media server and a corresponding selected multimedia device, and wherein said commands and associated parameters include an encoding command and associated encoding parameters for instructing said selected media server to encode media data received from said selected media device.

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